

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2021-05

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2021

Title of Resolution: Establishment – Redistricting Commission - 2021

Synopsis: A Resolution to establish the Redistricting Commission that will present a new councilmanic redistricting plan that is based on the 2020 Census.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of Council

Introduced and ordered posted on: March 2, 2021

Scheduled for consideration on: March 16, 2021

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted on March 2, 2021 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on March 16, 2021.

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1 **WHEREAS**, Section 214 of the County Charter requires that the County Council shall
2 appoint by resolution a Redistricting Commission not later than April 1, of the year following each
3 decennial census date; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the central committee of each political party polling at least twenty-five
5 percent of the total vote cast for Executive at the last preceding general election shall nominate
6 five persons to serve on the Commission; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Democratic and Republican parties polled at least twenty-five percent of
8 the total vote cast for Executive at the 2020 general election; and

9 **WHEREAS**, each such list shall include one person who resides in each residency district;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the County Council shall appoint all such nominees as members of the
12 Commission as well as one or two additional members of the Commission, as the case may be, to
13 ensure that its total membership equals an odd number; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the County Council shall appoint the Chair of the commission from among the
15 Commission members; and

16 **WHEREAS**, no person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission who holds
17 elective office; and

18 **WHEREAS**, By November 15, of the year before the year in which redistricting is to take
19 effect, the Commission shall present to the County Council a plan of residency districts, together
20 with a report explaining it; and

21 **WHEREAS**, within thirty days of receiving the plan of the Commission, the Council shall
22 hold a public hearing on the plan; and

23 **WHEREAS**, if within ninety days after submission of the plan no other legislation
24 reestablishing the boundaries of the residency districts has been enacted, the plan as submitted
25 shall be come law; and

26 **WHEREAS**, any residency district established in accordance with this section shall be
27 compact, contiguous, substantially equal in population, and have common interests as a result of
28 geography, occupation, history, or existing political boundaries, and

29 **WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau has given notice to the Maryland Department
30 of Planning that demographic data will not be released to the State until after September 30,
31 2021; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Department of Planning will require additional time to adjust the
33 data in compliance with Maryland law to have incarcerated individuals reallocated to their last
34 known address, prior to incarceration; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the Governor has established an independent Maryland Citizens Redistricting
36 Commission that will draft and recommend congressional and legislative districts after the
37 additional data is finalized; and

38 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland State Department of Planning, in its supportive role with the
39 legislature, may adjust election precincts based on new Census geographies, tracts and blocks,
40 which are based on the Census Bureau's new count and dispersion of the population.

41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
42 **MARYLAND**, establishes the Redistricting Commission of Cecil County, which will present a plan of
43 residency districts, together with a report explaining it, to the Cecil County Council.

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
45 that Cecil County's Republican Central Committee and Democratic Central Committee will submit
46 five nominees, one nominee who resides in each residency district.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
48 the Council will add one or two additional members of the Commission, as the case may be, to
49 ensure that its total membership equals an odd number.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
51 that the Council shall appoint the Chair of the commission from among the Commission members.

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
53 all provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.


INTRODUCED: March 2, 2021

ADOPTED: March 16, 2021



President of the Council

ATTEST:



Council Manager